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SUBJECT: US-EC NINE MEETING, OCTOBER 18

1. IN FIRST MARATHON SESSION TODAY, THE NINE TABLED A NEW DRAFT WHICH MEETS A FEW OF OUR POINTS, INCLUDING SOME FAIRLY GOOD LANGUAGE ON US-EUROPEAN FRIENDSHIP, A REFERENCE TO ALLIANCE RELATIONS AND SOME MENTION OF COOPERATION. THEY SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO NEW PRE-AMBULAR LANGUAGE RE THIS BEING THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS RATHER THAN END. THEIR DRAFT COVERED ONLY PREAMBLE, GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS, IN SIXTEEN PARAGRAPHS; SECTION ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS NOT YET COMPLETED WITHIN THE NINE.

2. WE DID HOWEVER RUN INTO QUITE SOLID STONE WALL, LARGELY INSPIRED BY FRENCH BUT SUPPORTED BY THE REST, ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES.

A. THEY REJECT ANY MENTION OF PARTNERSHIP EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY CIRCUMLOCUTION;
B. THEY REJECT ANY MEANINGFUL REFERENCE TO INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISSUES, POINTING OUT THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT "GLOBALIZATION" OR ALLEGED EFFORTS TO SHIFT ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS INTO SINGLE FORUM;

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C. THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT NOTION OF POSSIBLE NEW FORMS OF CONSULTATION OR COOPERATION AND WILL NOT GO BEYOND REFERENCES TO INTENSIFICATION OF EXISTING FORMS. THERE IS SLIGHT CHANCE THEY MIGHT GO FOR WATERED-DOWN REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE ADAPTATION OF

EXISTING FORMS.

D. THEY INSIST ON KEEPING SEVERAL FORMULATIONS IN EFFECT INVOLVING OUR RECOGNITION OF UNIFIED EUROPE AS END IN ITSELF.

3. FRENCH HAVE PRIVATELY POINTED OUT TO US THAT THEY HAD RASSUMED FROM YOUR REMARKS TO JOBERT AND HOME THAT IF THERE WAS GOOD NATO DECLARATION WE WOULD BE RELAXED ABOUT EC TEXT EVEN THOUGH IT FALLS SHORT OF OUR WISHES. PUAUX PROFESSES TO BE SURPRISED BY OUR CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FORMULATIONS GOING BEYOND PRESENT EC DRAFT. HE ALSO CONTINUES TO "ADVISE" US NOT TO SMOTHER TENDER YOUNG EC PLANT WITH OUR FAR-REACHING PROPOSITIONS. REST OF NINE, ESPECIALLY BRITISH, TELL US THAT PRESENT EC AND NATO TEXTS ARE ABOUT AS MUCH AS POMPIDOU CAN ACCEPT VIS-A-VIS GAULLISTS.

4. WE DOUBT THAT IN TOMORROW'S SESSION WE WILL MAKE HEADWAY ON FUNDAMENTALS. WE CAN PROBABLY SETTLE ON SOME TEN FAIRLY ANODYNE PARAGRAPHS BUT WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF (A) ACCEPTING EQUALLY ANODYNE FORMULATIONS ON KEY ISSUES, (B) LEAVING KEY ISSUES SIMPLY UNSETTLED AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW AND DISCUSSION AT NEXT ROUND, AND (C) SPLIT DRAFTS ON KEY ISSUES. ON THE WHOLE, WE FEEL THAT (B) IS BEST OUTCOME SINCE IT WILL LEAVE US FLEXIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW WELL NATO TEXT IS COMING AND MAINTAIN OPTION OF FURTHER BILATERAL CONTACTS. CHOICE (A) WOULD LEAVE US WITH PRETTY PALE STUFF TOO SOON, THOUGH WE MAY END UP WITH IT. CHOICE (C) WOULD TEND TO HARDEN POSITIONS AND POSSIBLY LEAD TO CLASH WITH FRENCH.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EITHER YOUR CONCURRENCE THAT WE GO AS FAR AS WE CAN HEREAND LEAVE DIFFICULT ISSUES OPEN, OR OTHER GUIDANCE.

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